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DR. R. P. BIGELOW SPEAKS ON LIBRARIES

Addresses Undergraduates On Library System At The Institute

Text books soon become out of date, but periodicals never do, for in them you may find what has been done in the past.

Dr. Robert P. Bigelow, librarian of the Institute, addressed a large audience in 6 Lowell yesterday morning on this subject and on the proper use of libraries.

The libraries of the Institute, although composing one large library, are under different roofs and although connected with certain departments are open to the use of all. The General Library on the first floor of Rogers, contains, besides the encyclopedias, many works of fiction and biography. At the side are the periodicals, which, from one of the most important parts of the library, for the bound volumes form a permanent addition. Such volumes are of great value, for they cannot be replaced, and by consulting them, men will be prevented from repeating the mistakes of others, and learn what has been done.

With the numerous American and English magazines in the General Library are a few weeklies in French, German and Spanish, some of a humorous nature, upon which a few moments spent in spare moments will materially help one to perfect a knowledge of a foreign language. Besides these are two others worthy of notice, Atlantic Science Monthly and Science, a weekly. Watch for new books and magazines and keep in touch with what is going on in the technical world.

If attention is confined to the departmental library connected with your course, much valuable material will lie unconsulted on allied subjects in other libraries. An electrical engineer interested in power development, will find in the Engineering Library in Engineering A, much information on hydraulics, buildings and steam. In the Physics Library there is much on the fundamental principles of his subject. In the Chemical and Mining Libraries, much more on the uses of electricity in chemistry, mining, hoisting and ore dressing.

The libraries are catalogued by the decimal system, invented by Mr. Melville Dewey of New York State Library. Under this system, all human knowledge is divided into nine classes, and these in turn are capable of infinite subdivision.

There are many indexes of current literature and to these the students should go for information on any subject.

SHOW BUZZ WAGON

To Have Precedence Over All Others At Field

On account of the relations between the show and the Athletic Association, Major Briggs has decided to give the Show Buzz Wagon precedence over all others at the Field on Friday. As there are a good many cars going out, this will mean a decided advantage to all those fortunate enough to ride in this machine. It is possible that the Show Buzz may even be allowed to take up its stand across the Field directly in

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TECH NIGHT PLANS HAVE BEEN FINISHED

Sophomores Will Leave Union For The Field In Buzz Wagons

As Tech Night at the Colonial theatre approaches the available supply of tickets is diminishing very rapidly. All the seats in the hands of the Theatre Committee have been turned back to the Colonial theatre box office and all seats must be gotten there or from the various agencies about Boston. The checks gotten from the theatre committee must be exchanged for regular seats before Friday noon. This must be done at the Union as no seats will be exchanged at the Colonial box office.

The Union Dining Room Committee has decided to have a lunch at noon Friday to which Miss Janis and the members of the chorus in the "Fair Co-Ed" were invited. Miss Janis will be unable to be present on account of an engagement in New York which she did not know about when she accepted the invitation to lunch at the Union. The members of the chorus have no other engagements, however, and they will be present.

Immediately after the lunch at the Union, the chorus and sophomores will leave from the Union in several Buzz Wagons. Miss Janis will probably be able to appear at the Field before the games start.

The sophomore and freshmen teams have been enabled to secure two sections of seats for their own use and the men who are on them are assured of good seats. As is customary, the theatre will be decorated with 191 flags, and the streamers of the class colors. The freshmen have the balcony seats as in previous years, while 1912 have the whole orchestra center. The seniors and juniors having the orchestra, right and left.

PERSONAL HYGIENE

Lectures Are Completed--Gym Work To Begin At Once

The last of the series of lectures on Personal Hygiene was given in Huntington Hall, yesterday afternoon, by Dr. White. Four weeks ago the talks were begun by Prof. Sedgwick. As he is the head of the biological department, his point of view was much different than has been that of the subsequent speakers. His lectures were intended to introduce the topics of the later lectures.

On the following Wednesday, Dr. Sargent of Harvard spoke. Being at the head of the physical department, he naturally had many interesting and helpful points to bring out.

The last two talks were given by Dr. White, the medical adviser of the Institute. He went more into detail than the other men had done. They had compared the body to a delicate machine which must be kept in condition at all times. But Dr. White took up uses of the body and bodily functions and their care. In all, the talks have been well attended.

The object of the lectures has been to furnish some work preliminary to the beginning of the freshmen physical training in the Gym. This will begin on the Monday after Field Day, and all first year students are required to take it.

INSTITUTE COMMITTEE HOLDS MEETING

New Institute Committee Elects Officers And Discusses Improvements

The Institute Committee held its second meeting of this term yesterday. This was the first meeting of the newly elected committee, and its officers for the year were elected. R. F. Goodwin, president of the senior class, was elected president of the Institute Committee; S. B. Copeland, president of the junior class, vice-president; and A. Eicher, sophomore class president, secretary. Although there is no ruling to this effect, it is an understood fact that offices of president, vice-president and secretary of the Institute Committee are to be held by the presidents of the three lower classes.

A ruling was made today which will prevent men from being elected to the committee and not doing any work upon it or even attending its meetings. Any member who is absent from three consecutive meetings will, after this, be asked to resign his position. The vacancy thus made will be filled from the class in which the vacancy occurs, the method depending upon the class constitution. W. C. Salisbury in speaking in this point urged the members to work and show spirit and make themselves felt.

T. A. Dewey 1909, and R. H. Allen 1909, reported on the finances of the Institute committee. The principal expenses are for stamps, stationery, etc. But this expense is covered by the annual class assessment of \$5.00. In order to hire a stenographer, however, for the use of the various activities, such as the Show, Technique, Tech and Musical clubs, these would have to be run by a single body. In other words, all the present activities in the Institute would be amalgamated under a single head. This plan was discussed, but finally dropped on account of the great difficulties to be met in the management of the activities.

The executive committee is to be elected next week. This is, perhaps, the most important body in undergraduate affairs or Institute Committee works almost entirely upon its suggestions. It is not necessary to be on the Institute Committee in order to be appointed to the executive committee, all juniors and seniors are eligible for the office.

The point system was discussed at some length, and from the number of men this year who have exceeded the maximum number of points allowed, it is thought probable that the rating of activities is not generally known. It is published in full in the book recently given to undergraduates "Concerning Massachusetts Institute of Technology." Several ratings have been changed since the printing of the book, so the ratings are published below in their complete and most recent form:—

Class A—10 Points—Editor in Chief of Technique, General Managers of Tech and Technique, President of Senior Class.

Class B—9 Points—Editor in Chief of Tech, Business Manager of the Tech, Chairman of Union Dining Room Committee, Business Manager of Technique, Business Manager of Tech Show, Stage Manager of Tech Show, President of the Junior Class, Manager of the Track Team, Executive Committee of the Institute Committee.

Class C—8 Points—Editors of The Tech, Assistant Business Manager of The Tech, Members of Technique Board, Advertising Manager of the Tech Show (during second term).

Class D—7 Points—Chairman of Union

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Y. M. C. A. SECURES GRADUATE SECRETARY

J. K. Mason, Dartmouth '09, to Take Position As Organizer Of New Work

This week the Technology branch of Y. M. C. A. starts in on its new year in earnest.

Through the efforts of the alumni, faculty and outside persons interested in the students welfare, a sum has been secured to be used as salary for a graduate secretary of the Y. M. C. A. Mr. E. C. Worman, the college secretary for Rhode Island and Connecticut has been fortunate enough to secure Mr. J. K. Mason to fill this position. Mr. Mason is a graduate of Dartmouth 1909, and while attending his college, took a very prominent part in athletics, being member of the baseball teams and on track teams. Mr. Mason also has been working during the summer and up to last week on the Boston 1915 movement.

The work under his management is going to be pushed much more than heretofore. Beginning next Sunday, a list of prominent speakers are going to be secured. Plans are also under foot to have weekly meetings preceded by supper in the Union and followed by discussion classes.

In his work at the Institute, Mr. Mason will not only need the support of students as given by attending meetings and classes, but also the active work in helping organize and putting through undertakings of Y. M. C. A. That we can do something if we make up our minds, is shown by the subscriptions toward the new Y. M. C. A. building during last week.

1909 REUNION

Will Have Luncheon First And Then To The Field

On Field Day the class of 1909 will hold its first reunion. Before going out to the Field to witness the struggle between the freshmen and sophomore classes, 1909 will meet for lunch at 12:30 in the Union dining room. They will then leave in a body for Tech Field about 1:30.

There are about fifty 1909 fellows at the Institute and a good sized gathering is expected.

Mr. Scharff has arranged to have special Field Day lunch served, and music will be furnished by an orchestra.

CALENDAR.

Thursday, November 4.

1:00 P. M.—1912 Class Meeting in Huntington Hall.
4:15 P. M.—Banjo Club Rehearsal in 33 Rogers.
4:15 P. M.—Tug-of-War

Friday, November 5.

12:30 P. M.—1909 Reunion Lunch in Union.
1:00 P. M.—1912 starts for Field from Union.
2:00 P. M.—Field Day starts

Saturday, November 6.

2:00 P. M.—Entries close for Golf Tournament.
Dinner at Union for Field Day Teams.

The Tech freshman average age is said to be 18. So old? Shold have guessed about 14.—Boston Herald.

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COMMUNICATIONS.

The Editor of The Tech,

Sir:—Having been accused by several men of being the "Spectator," and of having written the articles which have appeared in your paper under the title of "The Hornet's Nest," I wish to state that I am not the "Spectator," and do not know the gentleman. I also wish to state that I did not write the aforesaid articles. Hoping you will publish this statement, I remain,

Yours very truly,

John Hamilton Ruckman, 1910.

Editor The Tech,—

With regard to yesterday's communication, what has 1783 got to do with Jonathan Swift, and furthermore, what has "subjects already worn out by discussion" got to do with the Hornet's Nest? The only subject which has come to my notice through the Nest seems to me quite apropos. "Night Before" was an established custom until last year. The question now is: Will the break be a permanent one? As the point will probably be settled for good this week, Tuesday's paper came out at the physiological moment.

Adam, 1915.

SHOW BUZZ WAGON

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front of the grand stand, but arrangements for this have not as yet been completed. Suffice it to say, however, that the big Show men, will be the attraction of the afternoon.

The assembling place for the start has been changed from Roger's steps to Trinity Place, directly in front of the Union. This has been done in accordance with the wishes of the Union committee as expressed in The Tech of last Tuesday. In order to help the men to get a large noise at a small cost, arrangements have been made with one of the local dealers to sell at cost the big frying-pan rattles like those used at the Reunion last June, to men wearing a Show Buzz Wagon ticket. Tickets may be had from H. C. Davis, or H. L. Woehling. Time: Friday, November 5, 1:30 P. M. Place: In front of the Union.

INSTITUTE COMMITTEE.

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House Committee, President of Y. M. C. A., President of Sophomore Class, Members of Junior Prom Committee, Member of Senior Portfolio Committee, Assistant Business Manager of Tech Show, Assistant Advertising Manager of Tech Show (during second term).

Class E—6 Points—Chairman of Entertainment Committee, Manager of Fencing Team, Captain of Track Team, Associate Editors of The Tech, Assistant Advertising Managers of the Tech Show (during first term), Principals of Tech Show, Manager of the Basketball Team, Manager of the Hockey Team, Leaders of Musical Clubs, President of the M. I. T. A. A., President of Professional Societies, President of Freshman Class, General Manager of Musical Clubs Institute Committee.

Class F—5 Points—Candidates for Assistant Track Manager, Chorus of Tech Show, Technique Electoral Committee, Candidates for Track, Cross-Country, Hockey, Fencing and Basketball Teams, Members of Musical Clubs, Members of and Candidates for News Staff of Tech.

Class G—4 Points—Business Staff of The Tech Managers of Class Teams, Assistant Managers of Basketball, Hockey and Fencing Teams, Managers of Musical Clubs, Architectural Record, Assistant General Manager of Musical Clubs, Members of the Union Committee, Members of Sub-Committees of Union Committee, Advertising Manager of Tech Show (first term).

Class H—3 Points—Members of and Candidates for Class Teams, Treasurers of Classes, Secretary-Treasurer of M. I. T. A. A., Undergraduate Members of the Advisory Council, Gymnasium Team, Manager of Tennis Team.

Class I—2 Points—Secretaries of Classes, Members of M. I. T. A. A., Secretaries and Treasurers of Professional Societies, Secretary-Treasurer of Y. M. C. A., Manager of the Golf Team, Members of and Candidates for Golf and Tennis Teams.

Class J—1 Point—Vice-Presidents of all organizations, Standing Committees of Professional Societies, Standing Committees of Y. M. C. A., Officers of the Cooperative Society, President and Secretary of the Musical Clubs, Executive Committees and Directors of Classes, Officers of all other Clubs of open membership.

HORNET'S NEST

"Plans for Black Friday certainly did get Dick's goat yesterday," remarked Cad, as he sprawled on the divan in the far corner of the room. "He was right in a good many ways, too, but there's another side of the question. At Cadonia we used to have a very similar custom. The object was to fly the class banner from a pole on the principle dormitory. Long ago the flights used to take place largely inside the building, but the installation of a high pressure fire protection system which could be controlled by the men on the top floor stopped that. After that the method of ascent to the top of the dorm. was via a tree, from which the roof could be reached, and here it was that the scimmages took place. Before very long, just as Dick says, the muckers wanted some of the fun and joined in. Even then it made little difference, but one night during the fracas a student was stabbed seriously and it was found that the most expensive dorm had been looted. That started pretty hard feeling, and it wasn't long before every football game or track meet was the scene for a free fight. Finally one night there was to have been a parade, but word reached us that the muckers were going to 'do

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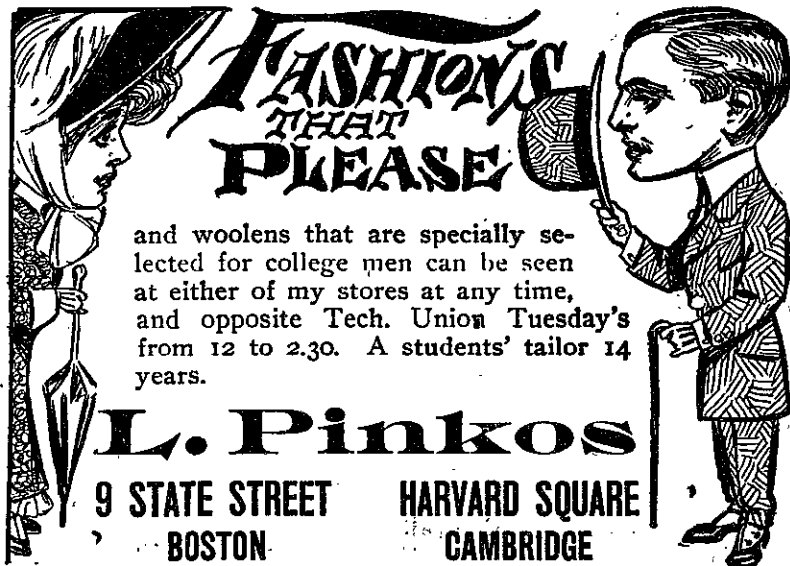
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HORNET'S NEST

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us up." Well, it was finally all over, and thereafter although they've never bothered us much around the 'yard,' still, there are parts of town where students travel best in pairs.

"Since then we've corralled our underclassmen in the field and allowed them to vent their wrath in push ball. That's a great game for underclassmen. Everybody can play, and there's no end to the attendant harmless roughness. You fellows ought to adopt it here. After the game the two classes all go up to a high cliff overlooking the entire town and there around a bonfire they formally 'bury the hatchet!' That's always seemed to me much better than this theatre business."

While he had been speaking, Dick had come into the room and having dropped into the Morris chair began twanging his banjo. As Cad finished he said:

"That don't sound bad, though I've always found our night after very good indeed if taken in moderation. The trouble is, every one don't take it that way. I was rather struck last year by the anxiety of the faculty to abolish the barbarous night before, before some one was seriously injured. It never struck the faculty or any one else that more men have been seriously injured by the night after than have ever been hurt in all the 'night before,' cane rushes, or anything else we have ever had. There was Ned Plunger, as fine a fellow as ever was and a corking foot-

ball player. His end began at our 'night after' dinner. They tell me he died last week; just went right down. "Apparently this year the sophs intend to extend the 'night after' celebration to an entire day celebration. When you consider that half the sophomores' chance to win lies in keeping the freshmen scared and that the 'night before' was the best way to do it you can see that 1912 has a good chance of following the example in more than one respect."

"That's odd," said Cad, "I met Skeezicks on my way up and he wanted to bet me two to one the sophs would be whitewashed."

"Well," said Dick, "I'm glad you didn't take him up."

LOST AND FOUND.

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TECH SEAT TICKETS.

Tickets can be exchanged at the Union Thursday and Friday noons. Exchange tickets are void at the Box Office. Men who have not yet purchased their tickets must do so from the Box Office of the Colonial Theatre. No tickets for sale at the Institute.
1912 THEATRE COMMITTEE.

THE TECH CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION meets at 5.15 Sunday afternoon. Speaker, Rev. James A. Richards of Mt. Vernon Congregational Church, Boston. Mr. Richards is a young man, and knows how to speak. He will interest you.

FRENCH CONFERENCES.

Conferences in French I and French II are held as follows:
Tuesdays from 9-10 by Professor Bigelow in Room 31, Lowell.
Thursdays, from 10-11 by Professor Bigelow in Room 31, Lowell.
Fridays, from 11-12 by Mr. Blachstein in Room 22, Lowell.
Fridays, from 12-1 by Professor

Bigelow in Room 31, Lowell.

Students of French I and French II are invited to attend these exercises, irrespective of the sections to which they belong.

French I.

This subject, on Thursdays, will recite from 8 to 9, instead of from 4 to 5. Otherwise as heretofore.

UNION COMMITTEE.

There will be a meeting of the Union Dining Room Committee, Thursday, Nov. 4, at 1 P. M., in the Union.

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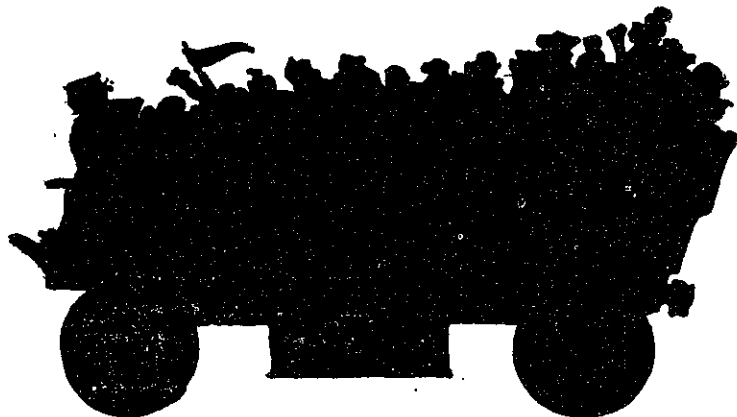
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